

November 5, 2003

TO: Members of the Transportation Policy Committee

FROM: Mayor Neil Giuliano, Tempe, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, November 12, 2003 - 4:00 p.m.
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 N. First Avenue, Phoenix

PLEASE NOTE THE MEETING TIME OF 4:00 p.m.

A meeting of the Transportation Policy Committee is scheduled for the time and place noted above. Members of the Committee may attend the meeting either in person, by videoconference, or by telephone conference call. As was discussed at the first meeting of the Committee, proxies would not be allowed. Members who are not able to attend the meeting are encouraged to submit their comments in writing, so that their view would always be a part of the process.

Please park in the garage under the Compass Bank Building. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

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Refreshments and a light dinner will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact me at (480) 350-8865, or Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, at (602) 254-6300.

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
November 12, 2003**

		<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1.	<u>Call to Order</u>	
2.	<u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	
3.	<u>Call to the Audience</u>	3. Information.
An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Committee regarding items on the agenda. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments.		

MINUTES

4.	<u>Approval of October 15, 2003 Meeting Minutes</u>	4. Review and approve the October 15, 2003 meeting minutes.
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ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

5.	<u>Regional Transportation Plan Policy Concepts</u>	5. Information and discussion regarding the refined policy concepts.
At the October 15, 2003 TPC meeting, revisions to the policy concepts were reviewed. Staff has prepared a summary of the comments received regarding the revisions and prepared additional revisions to the concepts. It is anticipated that additional comments will be received on these revisions. Please refer to the enclosed material.		
6.	<u>Finding of Conformity for the Draft Special FY 2004-2007 Transportation Improvement Program and Draft Regional Transportation Plan</u>	6. Information and discussion.
The Draft 2003 Conformity Analysis concludes that the draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) meet all applicable federal conformity requirements and are in conformance with applicable air quality plans. Following a 30-day public review and comment period, a public hearing will be held November 21, 2003 on the draft TIP, Regional Transportation Plan, and Conformity Analysis. The MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee is anticipated to make a recommendation on the conformity analysis on November 24, 2003.		

Approval of the conformity finding by the Regional Council is required for MAG adoption of the TIP and RTP, and will be considered by the Regional Council at a special Regional Council meeting on November 25, 2003. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Recommendation to Approve the Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan and to Certify the Plan to the Legislature and the Governor

At the October 15, 2003 TPC meeting, the Draft Regional Transportation Plan was reviewed. Since the October TPC meeting, the air quality conformity analysis has been conducted and the results are now undergoing a 30-day public review with a hearing scheduled for November 21, 2003. The results of the conformity analysis have been incorporated into the Draft Regional Transportation Plan. Approval of the Plan is being requested, contingent upon the conformity analysis being approved by the Regional Council at their meeting on November 25, 2003. The Regional Council will be requested to certify the Plan to the Legislature and the Governor pursuant to the requirements of HB 2292. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Recommendation to approve the Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan and to certify the Plan to the Legislature and the Governor, with these actions contingent upon the approval of the air quality conformity analysis.